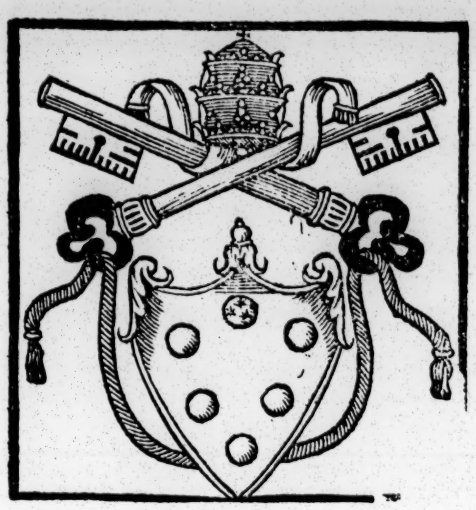
A Bull graunted by the Pope to Doctor Harding and other, by reconcilement and assoyling of Englisſh Papiſtes, to vndermyne faith and allegeance to the Quene. With a true declaration of the intention and frutes therof, and a warnyng of periles therby imminent, not to be neglected.



NOueritis quod anno, die, menſe et pontificatu infraſcriptis in generali congregatione &c. pro parte Reuerendorū T. Harding, et N.S. et T.P. Anglorum fuit porrectum memoriale et ſupplicatio, quæ lecta fuerunt &c. Annis abhinc tribus &c, conceſſit T. H. &c. Epiſcopalem poteſtatem in foro conſcientiæ abſoluendi eos qui ad Eccleſiæ gremium reuertentur. Huic poteſtati quia multi non credunt, petimus vt in ſcriptum aliquod autenticum redigatur. Ac etiam vlterius (monente nos temporis neceſſitate) humiliter petimus vt eiſdem concedatur in cauſa irregularitatis diſpenſandi poteſtas, exceptis ex homicidio voluntario prouenientibus ſeu deductis in forum contentioſum, Quibus auditis et intellectis prælibatus Sanctiſſ. Dominus noſter decreuit quod prenominati abſoluere poſſint in foro conſcientiæ Anglos tantúm prout petitur, etiam ab irregularitate incurſa ratione hereſis et ab ea dependente emergente et annexa, dummodo abſoluendi abſtineant per triennium a miniſterio altaris. In quorum fidem & teſtimonium &c. anno. 1567. die Iouis 14. Aug.

ET quia ego &c. Notarius ſupradictus copiam ex proprio originali ſuo extractam collationaui & cum eodem concordare inueni, ideo ſubſcripſi ſignoq; meo ſolito ſignaui in fidem premiſſorum rogatus.

Forma abſolu[ti]nis.

DOminus noſter Ieſus Chriſtus qui dedit Diſcipulis ſuis poteſtatem ligandi et ſoluendi, ipſe te abſoluat, et ego autoritate omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Apoſtolorum Petri et Pauli necnon ſanctæ matris Eccleſiæ, atq; autoritate Papalis indulgentiæ, in hac parte mihi commiſſa et conceſſa abſoluo te ab omni irregularitate et ſententia excommunicationis maioris vel minoris a iure vel ab homine tibi inflictis atq; etiam ab omnibus criminibus exceſſibus et peccatis tuis confeſſis contritis et oblitis, et ab omnibus caſibus ſedi Apoſtolicæ reſeruatis. Reſtituo te communitati fidelium et Sacramentis Eccleſiæ, ac in illam innocentiam et puritatem in qua eras quando baptizatus fuiſti, remittendo tibi omnes pœnas Purgatorij propter culpas et offenſiones quas contra Deum et proximum tuum commiſiſti, Et plenariam remiſſionem atq; indulgentiam omnium peccatorum in quantum claues Eccleſiæ extendunt in hac parte tibi do et concedo, ita quod ſis abſolutus hic et ante tribunal Domini noſtri Ieſu Chriſti habeaſq; vitam æternam et viuas in eo in ſæcula ſæculorum. Amen. In Nomine patris. ✠ *&c.*

The Bull.

KNow ye that the day month and time of our Biſhoprieke vnderwritten, in a generall congregation &c. on the behalfe of the worſhipfull Thomas Harding, N.S. and T.P. Engliſhmen, was exhibited a memoriall and ſupplication, which were redde &c. How about three yeares paſt, &c. our holy Father hath graunted to Thomas Harding &c. Biſhoply power in court of conſcience to aſſoile them that ſhall returne to the boſome of the chirch. To this power bicauſe many do not geue credit, we pray that it be put in writing in autenticall forme. And alſo further (being occaſioned by neceſſity of tyme) we humbly pray that to the ſame perſons be graunted power to diſpenſe in caſe of irregularitie, except in caſes ariſing of wilfull manſlaughter, or brought in courtes of law. Which premiſſes being redde and vnderſtoode, our ſaide moſt holy Lord hath decreed that the ſaid perſones may in court of conſcience aſſoile Engliſhmen onely, as it is prayed, euen alſo from irregularitie incurred by reaſon of hereſie and depending an[d] ariſing vpon the ſame and annexed vnto it, ſo that the perſons to be aſſoiled do for three yeares abſteine from the miniſterie of the altar. In credit and teſtimonie whereof &c. an. 1567. Thurſday the xiiij. day of Auguſt.

And bicauſe I &c. the notarie aboueſayd haue conferred the ſayd copie drawen out of the proper originall and haue found the ſame to agrée therewith, being requeſted I haue ſubſcribed and ſigned it with my vſuall ſigne for credit of the premiſſes.

Note that the petition was made in the name of three, but it was graunted to foure.

¶ *The forme of abſolution.*

OVr Lord Ieſus Chriſt, which gaue to his diſciples power to binde and looſe, he aſſoyle thee. And I by the authoritie of almighty God, and of the bleſſed Apoſtles Peter and Paul, and alſo of our holy Mother the Church, and by the authoritie of the Papale indulgence, to me committed and graunted, do aſſoile thee from all irregularitie and ſentence of excommunication both the greater and the leſſer layed vpon thee by law or by man, and alſo from all thy crimes, tranſgreſſions, and ſinnes, confeſſed, contrite, and forgotten, and from all caſes reſerued to the Apoſtolike ſea. I reſtore thee to the communion of the faithfull and to the ſacramentes of the church, and into the ſame innocentie and puritie wherin thou waſt when thou wert baptiſed, remitting thee all the paines of purgatory, for the faultes and offenſes which thou haſt committed againſt God and thy neighbour. And I do geue and graunt to thee full remiſſion and indulgence of all thy ſinnes as farre as the keyes of the Church extend in this behalfe, ſo that thou ſhalt be abſolued both here and before the iudgement ſeate of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, and ſhalt haue euerlaſting life, and liue in him world without end. Amen. In the name of the father ✠ &c.

The Popes Bull graunted to Hardinge & others An. 1567. with ye Queens proclamation Concerninge it.

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" Not the Queens, but
Tho. Nortons.
of whom See Dugd.
Warw. p. 801.

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